

KNIGHTFALL



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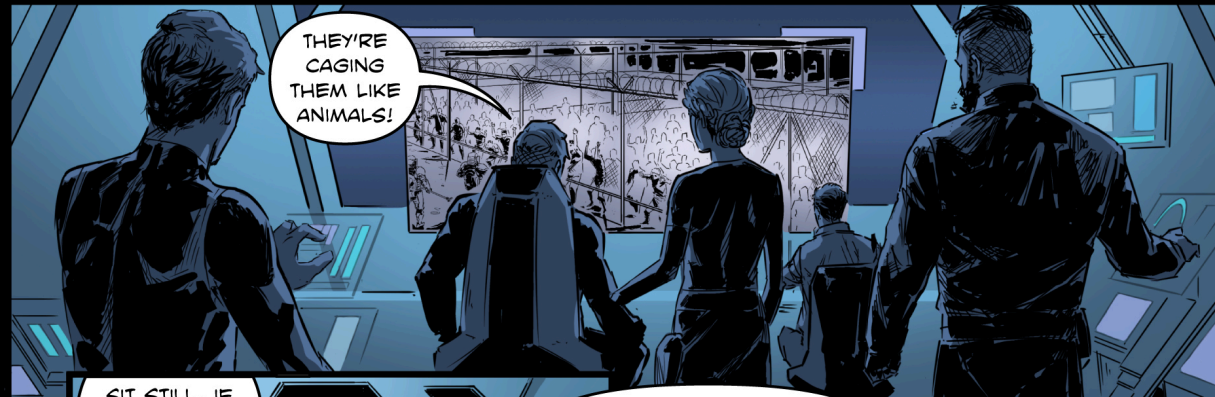
LET US OUT OF HERE!

GET BACK!

MY GOD!

WE'RE GOING TO DIE IN HERE!

AAAGGHHH!



THEY'RE CAGING THEM LIKE ANIMALS!

SIT STILL. IF YOU DON'T LET ME CLEAN THIS IT COULD GET INFECTED.

ABDIEL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?

ALL WHITES HAVE BEEN DECLARED ENEMIES OF THE STATE. THEY ARE TRYING THEM ON DOMESTIC WAR CRIMES. MAYBE MOSES KNOWS MORE.



I REPROGRAMMED HIM TO ACCESS SECURE ORDER NETWORK SERVERS.

CAUCASIAN WEALTH AND POSSESSIONS HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY ORDER FOR REDISTRIBUTION. EXECUTIONS WILL BEGIN AFTER SENTENCING BY ORDER COUNCIL.



IT'S MURDER THEN! COLD, CALCULATED EXTERMINATION! I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN! HOW MUCH LONGER TO THE RALLY POINT?

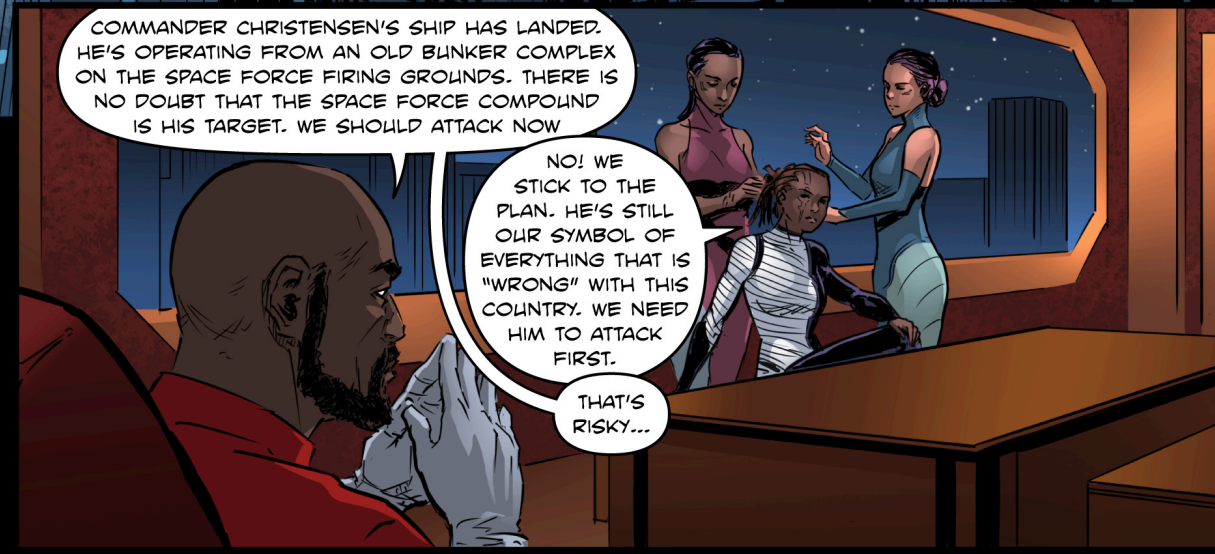
FIVE MINUTES AWAY, COMMANDER. BEGINNING FINAL APPROACH NOW.



THEY ARE HOLDING OUR RECON FORCE ON LEVEL 6. WE'LL TRY TO FREE THEM BUT OUR PRIORITY IS THE BATTLE-ARKS.



I HAVE TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE MEDIA IN AN HOUR.



COMMANDER CHRISTENSEN'S SHIP HAS LANDED. HE'S OPERATING FROM AN OLD BLUNKER COMPLEX ON THE SPACE FORCE FIRING GROUNDS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE SPACE FORCE COMPOUND IS HIS TARGET. WE SHOULD ATTACK NOW

NO! WE STICK TO THE PLAN. HE'S STILL OUR SYMBOL OF EVERYTHING THAT IS "WRONG" WITH THIS COUNTRY. WE NEED HIM TO ATTACK FIRST.

THAT'S RISKY...



YOU SAW WHAT HE DID AT THE TEMPLE AND NOW THOSE WARRIORS ARE FOLLOWING HIM. SOLDIERS WILL FIGHT HARDER FOR A COMMANDER WHO FIGHTS ALONGSIDE THEM.

IS THAT SOME PHILOSOPHICAL QUOTE FROM ONE OF YOUR MEDIEVAL WARMONGERS?

NO, I MADE THAT SHIT UP MYSELF AND IT'S TRUE.



IT WAS YOUR JOB TO KILL MAX IN THE FIRST PLACE! AND YOU FAILED!

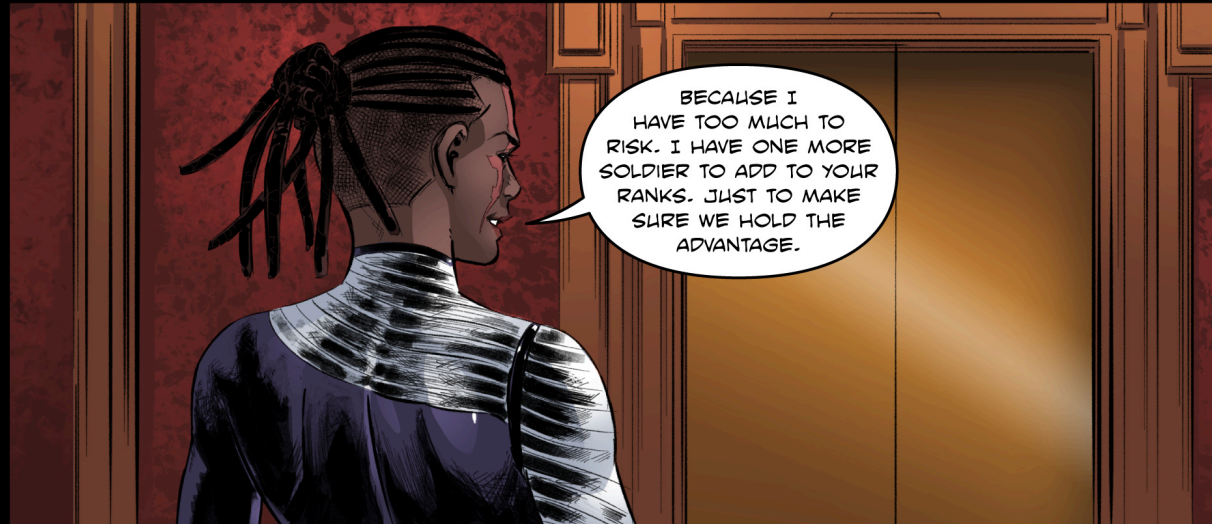
AND THAT FAILURE GAVE YOU THE COMMON ENEMY YOU WERE LOOKING FOR. HE'S MORE VALUABLE TO YOU ALIVE FOR NOW. IF YOU GET VIDEO OF HIM DYING ON SCREEN...



YOU'RE GOLDEN. THE PEOPLE WILL RALLY BEHIND YOU.

I'VE ALREADY STATIONED FIVE FULL PLATOONS AT SPACE FORCE.

CAN YOU KILL HIM OR NOT?!



BECAUSE I HAVE TOO MUCH TO RISK. I HAVE ONE MORE SOLDIER TO ADD TO YOUR RANKS. JUST TO MAKE SURE WE HOLD THE ADVANTAGE.



GLADIUS WANTS A WORD WITH HER BROTHER...



SWOOOSH

BLINKER COMPLEX
24-ALPHA - SPACE
FORCE FIRING
GROUNDS.

TODAY IT'S
TIME TO CHOOSE
A PATH.

NO MORE
WILL THE KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR BE HIDDEN
IN THE SHADOWS; NO MORE
A CORRUPT MERCHANT;
NO MORE FINANCING
BOTH SIDES OF THE WAR.

TODAY IS THE START
OF A NEW ERA...

I WILL RESTORE NATURAL
BALANCE TO OUR PEOPLE
AND WE WILL FLOURISH
UNDER GOD'S WILL.

DEUS VULT!!

DEUS VULT!!

DEUS VULT!!!

TAKE NO
PRISONERS!!



FORWARD MEN!!
KILL THEM ALL!

AAAAHHH!!!

THANKS, MOSES!
OUR PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS IS FALLING RAPIDLY.

LESS TALKING, MORE FIGHTING!

ANOTHER PLATOON! THEY'RE OUTFLANKING US!!

COMMANDER! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM! WE HAVE TO RETREAT.

NO. PRESS FORWARD.
TO THE HANGAR BAY! TROY, TAKE A SQUAD DOWN TO LEVEL 6!



DELTA SQUAD. FOLLOW ME!

HURRY!



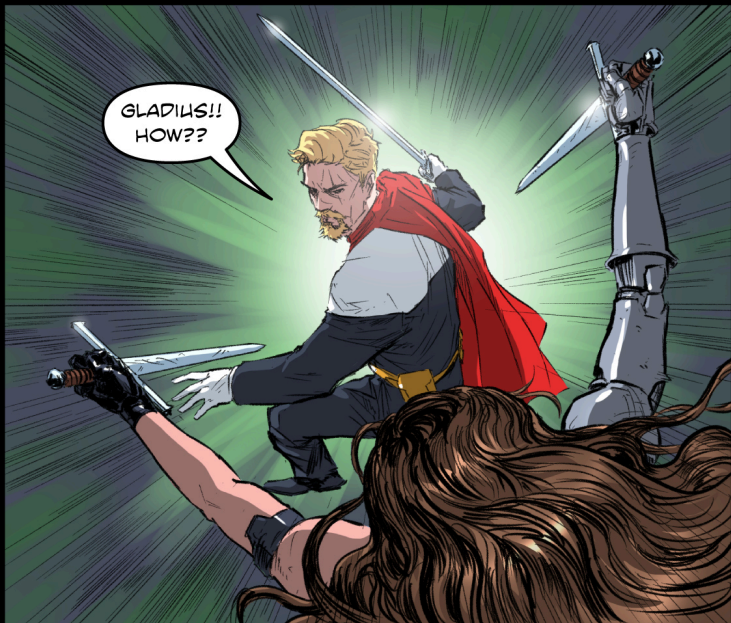
SURROUND THEM!
CUT THEM OFF!!

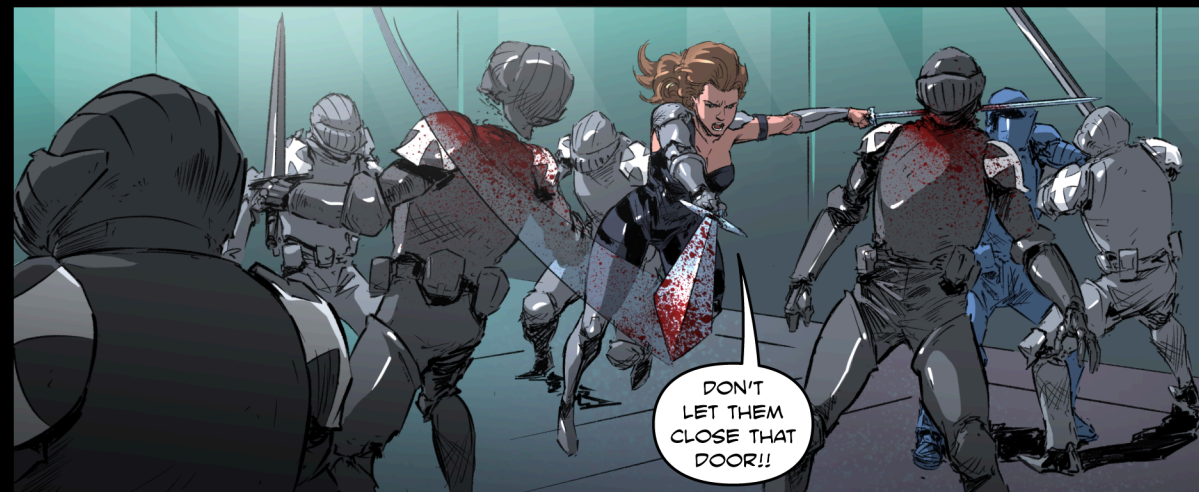


TO THE HANGARS! WE HAVE TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE HANGAR! WE NEED THE SHIPS!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN... BROTHER!









QUICKLY MEN! BOARD THE SHIPS.
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE
BEFORE THEY CAN DEPLOY
COUNTER-MEASURES.



YOU TRIED TO KILL ME... LIKE
A COWARD YOU SABOTAGED
MY SHIP.

NO...
PLEASE...
FORGIVE
ME...



YOU CONSPIRED
TO KILL MY PEOPLE...



YOU ARE
FORGIVEN



COMMANDER,
WHAT IS YOUR
NEXT PLAN OF
ACTION?



MOSES...
WHO AM I?

YOU ARE COMMANDER
MAXIMILLIAN CHRISTENSEN.
FORMERLY OF SPACE
FORCE. CURRENT SUPREME
COMMANDER OF THE
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR-

I MEAN...
WHAT IS MY
PURPOSE?



ARE ALL
HUMANS NOT
CREATED
EQUAL?

YES,
BUT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.



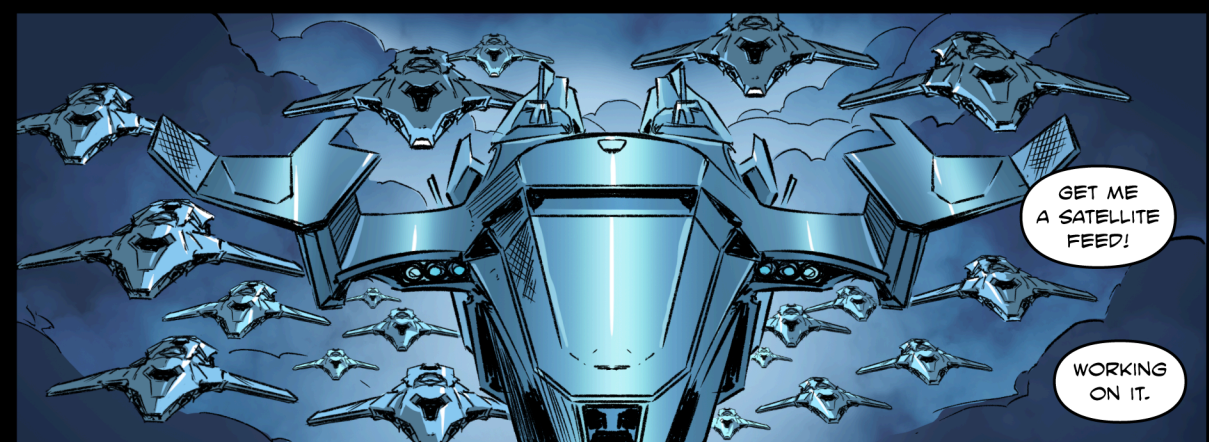
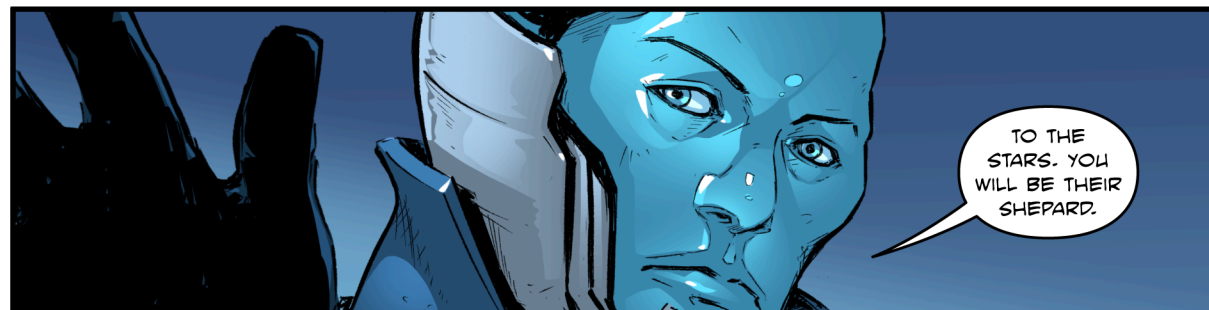
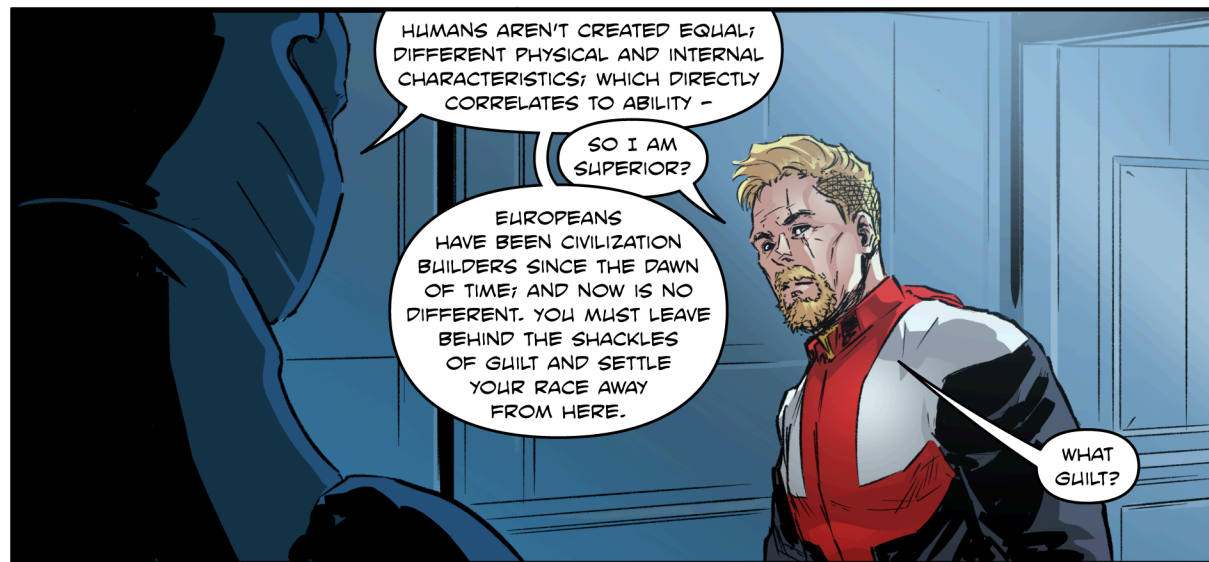
THEN WHY
IS IT OUR SCIENTIFIC
TOOLS CAN ACCURATELY
DETERMINE THE RACE,
GENDER, AND AGE OF
LONG DECEASED
PEOPLE?

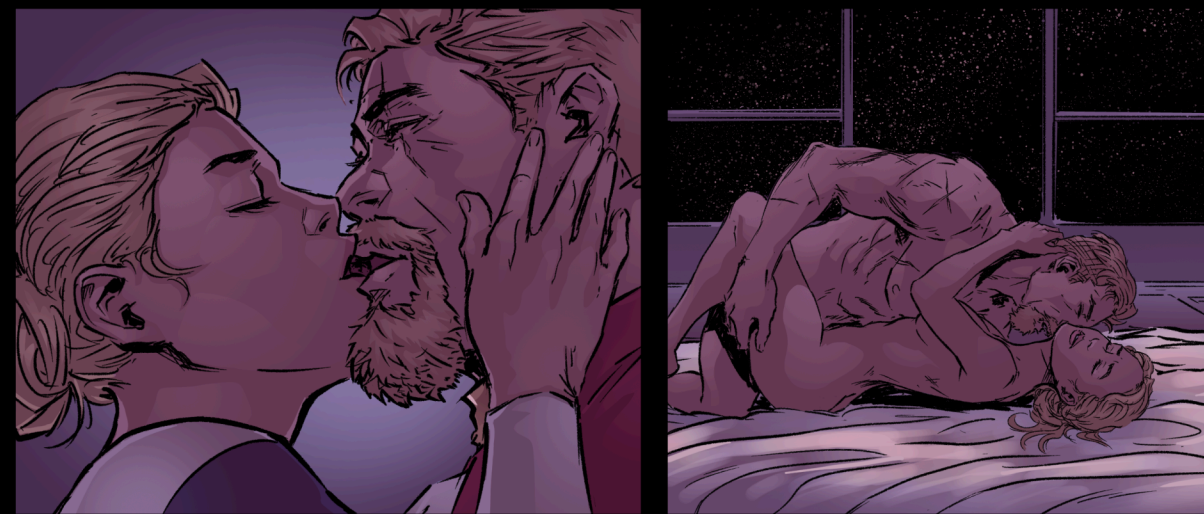
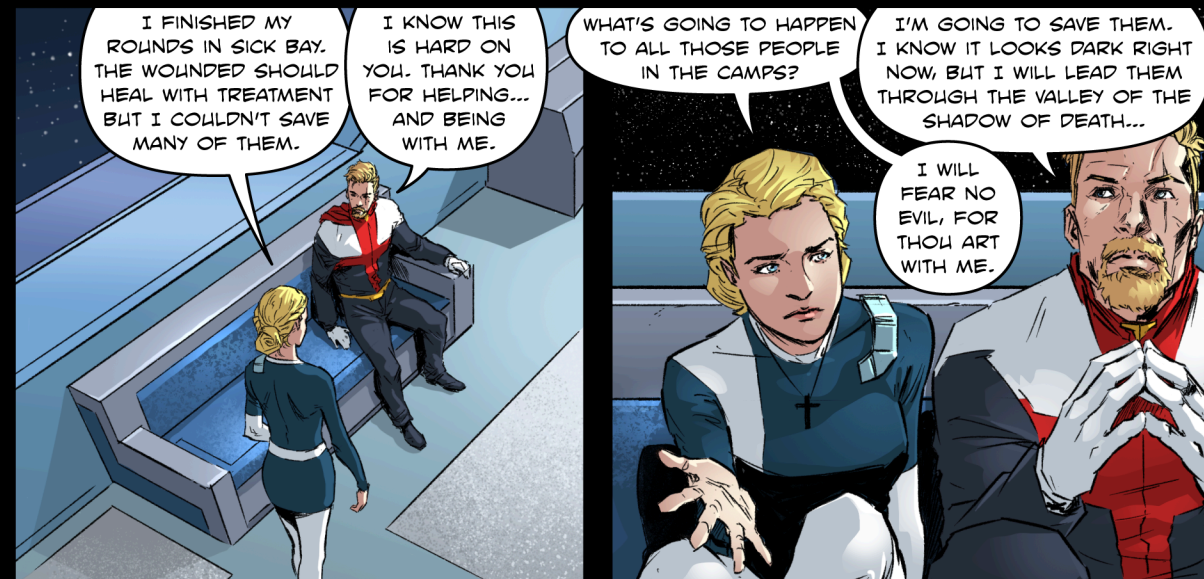
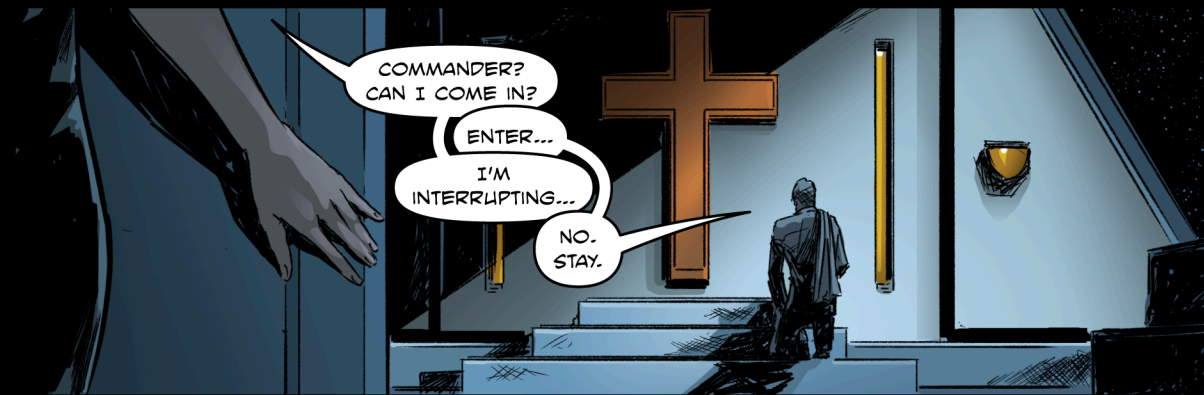


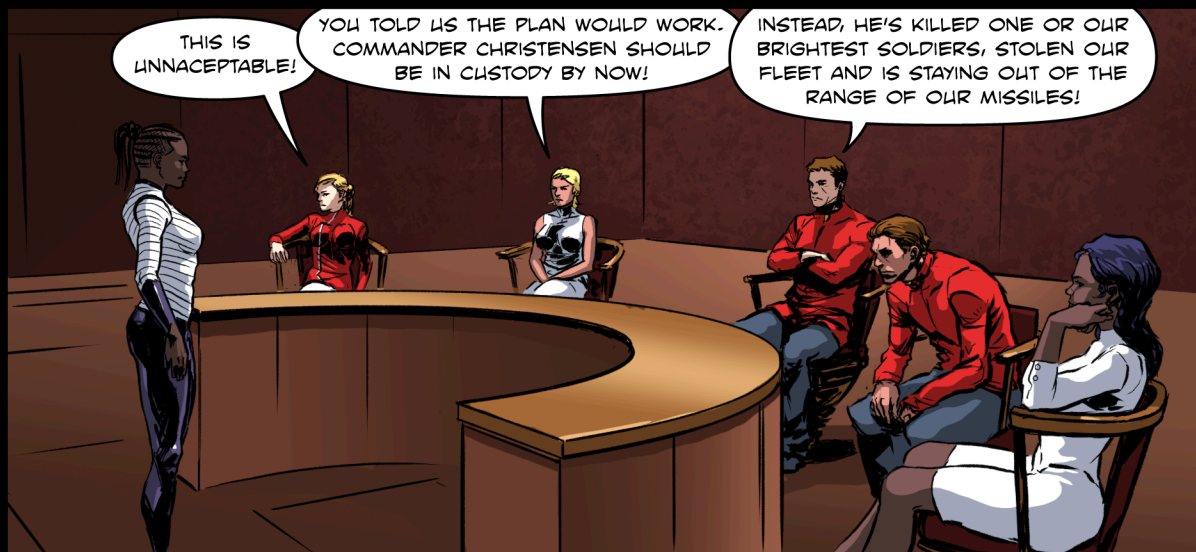
WE DIFFER
PHYSICALLY, BUT
WE ARE ALL STILL
HUMAN WITH A
SOUL.

BUT EUROPEAN
DESCENDANTS HAVE
A 10% LARGER
CRANIAL CAPACITY
THAN OTHERS

WHAT'S
YOUR POINT?



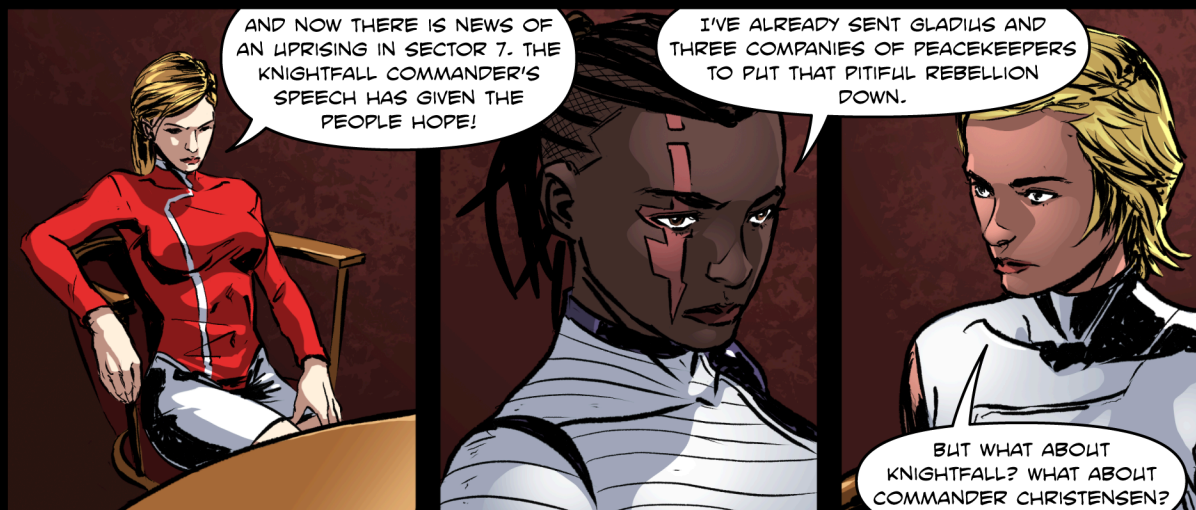




THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!

YOU TOLD US THE PLAN WOULD WORK. COMMANDER CHRISTENSEN SHOULD BE IN CUSTODY BY NOW!

INSTEAD, HE'S KILLED ONE OF OUR BRIGHTEST SOLDIERS, STOLEN OUR FLEET AND IS STAYING OUT OF THE RANGE OF OUR MISSILES!



AND NOW THERE IS NEWS OF AN UPRISING IN SECTOR 7. THE KNIGHTFALL COMMANDER'S SPEECH HAS GIVEN THE PEOPLE HOPE!

I'VE ALREADY SENT GLADIUS AND THREE COMPANIES OF PEACEKEEPERS TO PUT THAT PITIFUL REBELLION DOWN.

BUT WHAT ABOUT KNIGHTFALL? WHAT ABOUT COMMANDER CHRISTENSEN?



MAXIMILLIAN CHRISTENSEN IS AN IDEALISTIC ZEALOT. HE'LL COME RUNNING WHEN WE START EXECUTING THOSE REBELS. WE'LL USE HIS OWN DESPERATE MORALITY AGAINST HIM.

AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THIS PLAN WILL WORK?

BECAUSE IT WILL BE A BLOODBATH. AND IF THERE'S ONE THING ZEALOTS CAN'T TOLERATE, IT'S WATCHING THEIR OWN PEOPLE DYING IN THE STREETS.



SITUATION REPORT.

WHITE RIOT IN TEXAS. SCANNERS ARE PICKING UP INBOUND PEACEKEEPER FORCES. IT'S GOING TO BE A MEAT-GRINDER.



I WANT TO GO. I WANT TO SEE THE PEOPLE. I HAVE TO WITNESS IT FOR MYSELF.

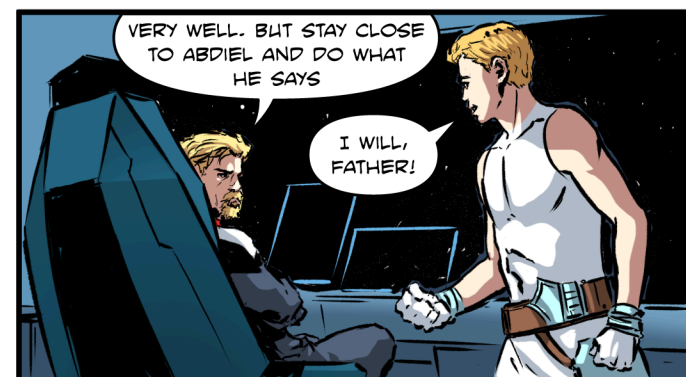
WHY, SON? DOES THIS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH?



YOU ARE WILLING TO RISK YOUR LIFE FOR PEOPLE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW. WHY ARE THEY SO IMPORTANT TO YOU?

I CAN'T STAND BY AND JUST WATCH ORDER WIPE OUT AN ENTIRE RACE OF PEOPLE.

SO THEN YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHY I WANT TO GO.



VERY WELL. BUT STAY CLOSE TO ABDIEL AND DO WHAT HE SAYS

I WILL, FATHER!



I LOVE YOU, ISAAC

ON ROUTE TO SECTOR 7...

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU INSISTED ON BEING A PART OF THIS ASSIGNMENT.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT I BE SEEN WITH THE ATTACK FORCE. THE CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW THAT I STAND FOR LAW AND ORDER.

THIS IS WAR, NOT ENTERTAINMENT.

YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT THAT. THIS IS ALL PART OF A CAREFULLY CRAFTED MESSAGE. ORDER IS IN CHARGE. ORDER WILL PROTECT THE CITIZENS AND ERADICATE THE WHITE SCOURGE FROM THE NATION. THEY ARE THE TRUE ENEMY.

YOU ARE NO WARRIOR.

WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

IT MEANS I WILL KILL YOUR "SCOURGE", JUST STAY OUT OF MY WAY!

THIS IS AS CLOSE AS WE CAN GET THE SHUTTLE.

YOU'RE BRINGING A WEAPON? I THOUGHT WE WERE JUST HERE TO GET A SITUATION REPORT.

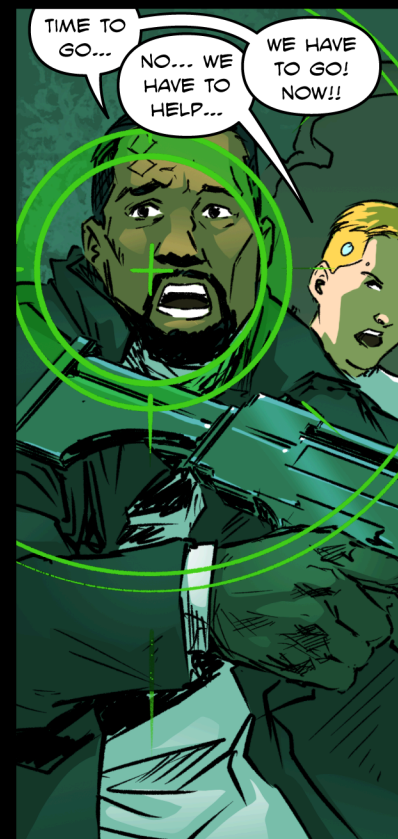
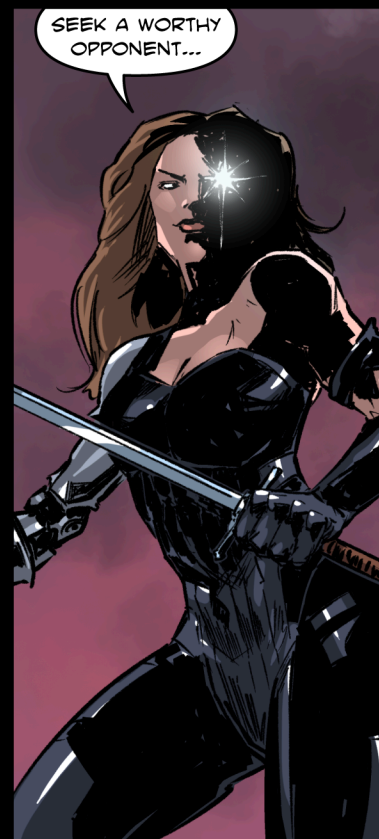
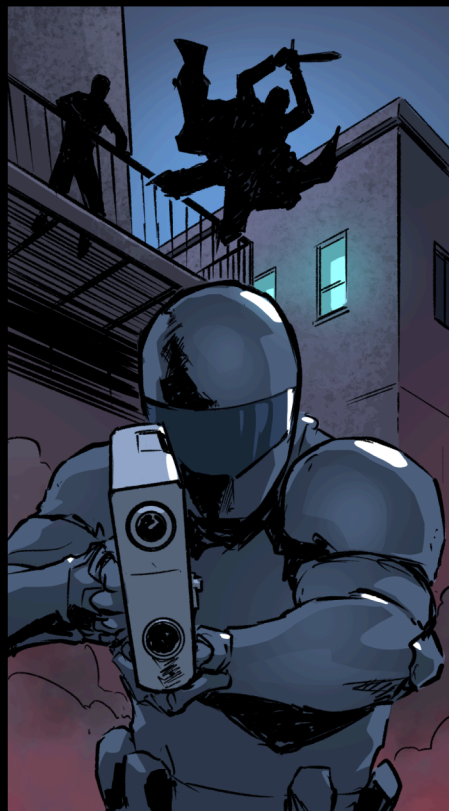
YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED WHEN YOU WALK INTO A STORM.

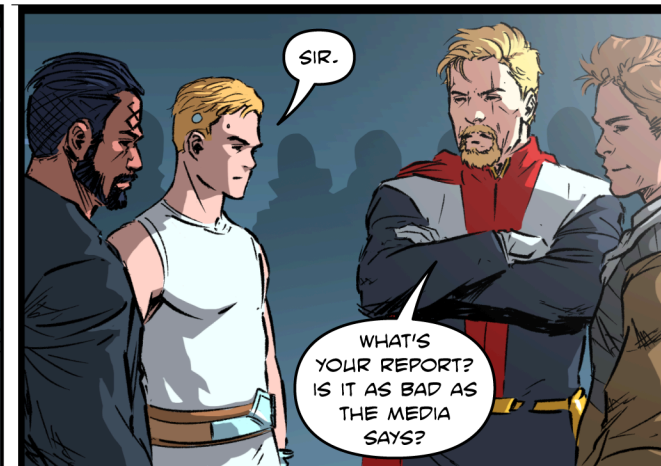
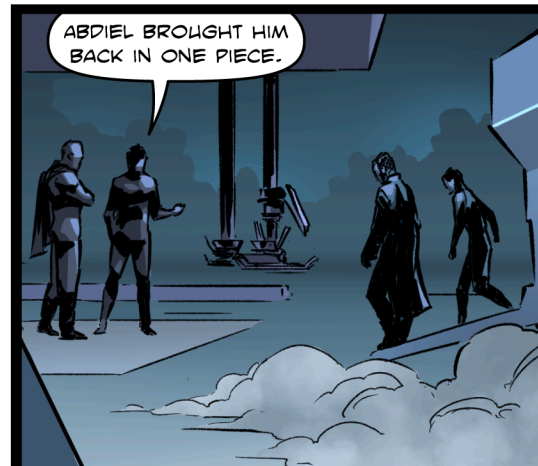
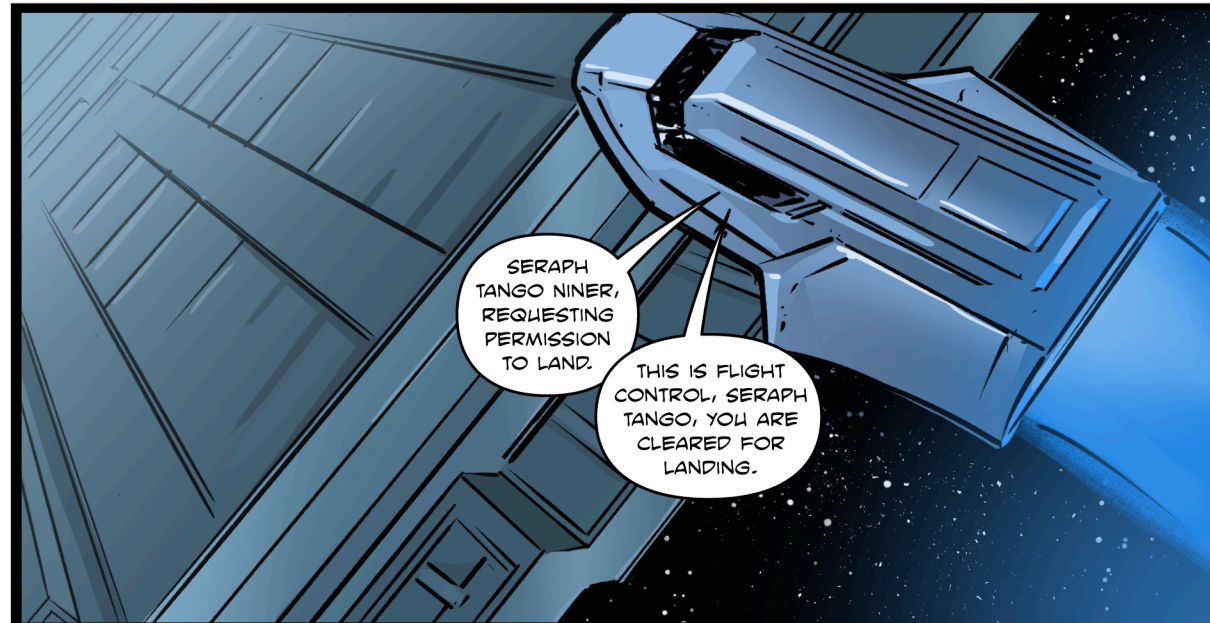
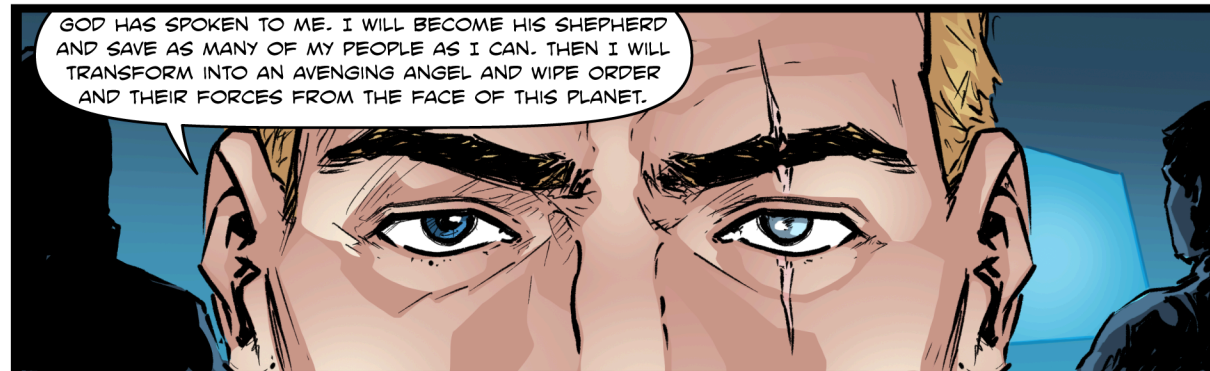
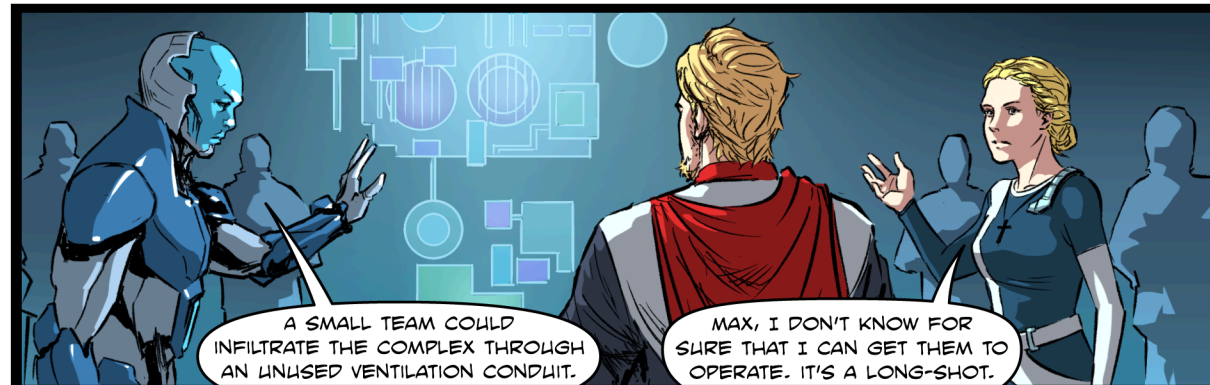
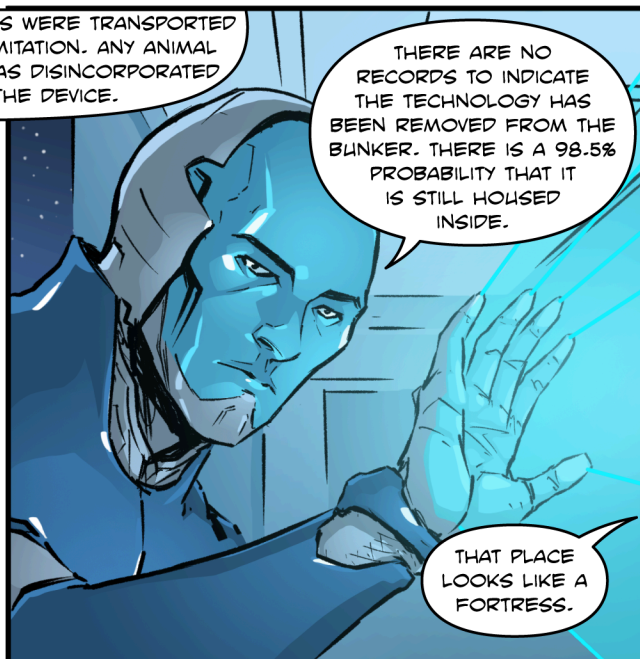
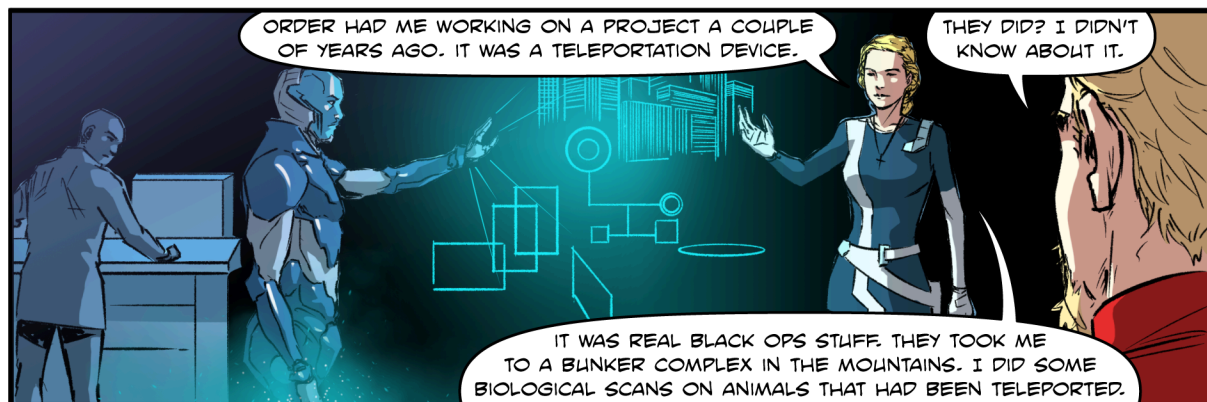
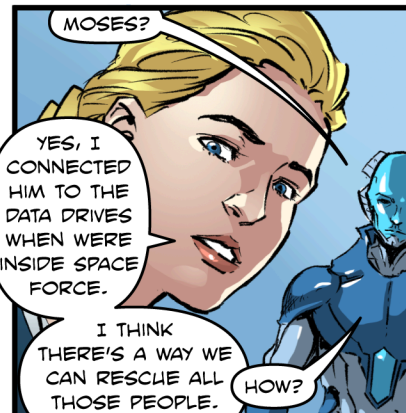
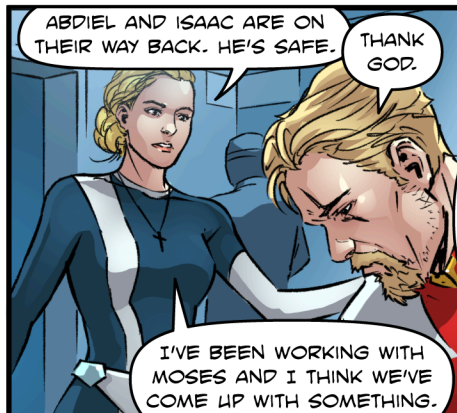
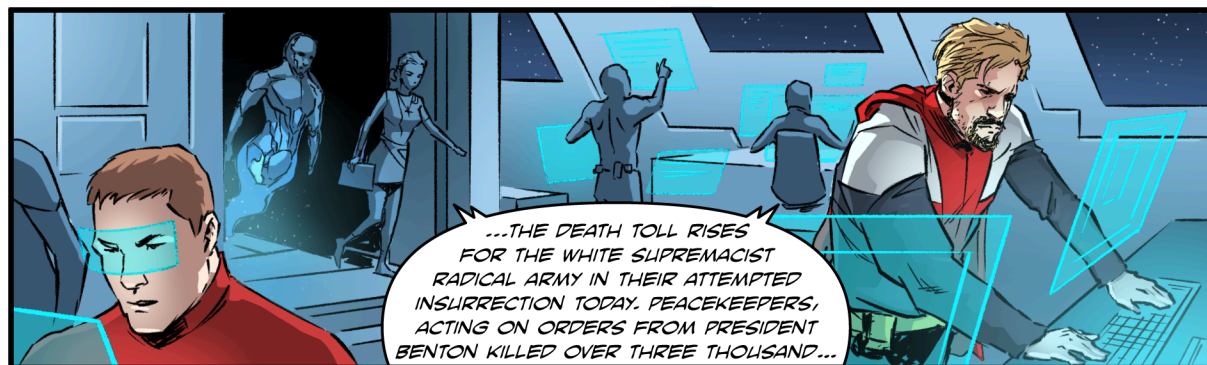
I BROUGHT YOU ONE TOO. TAKE IT, YOU MIGHT NEED IT.

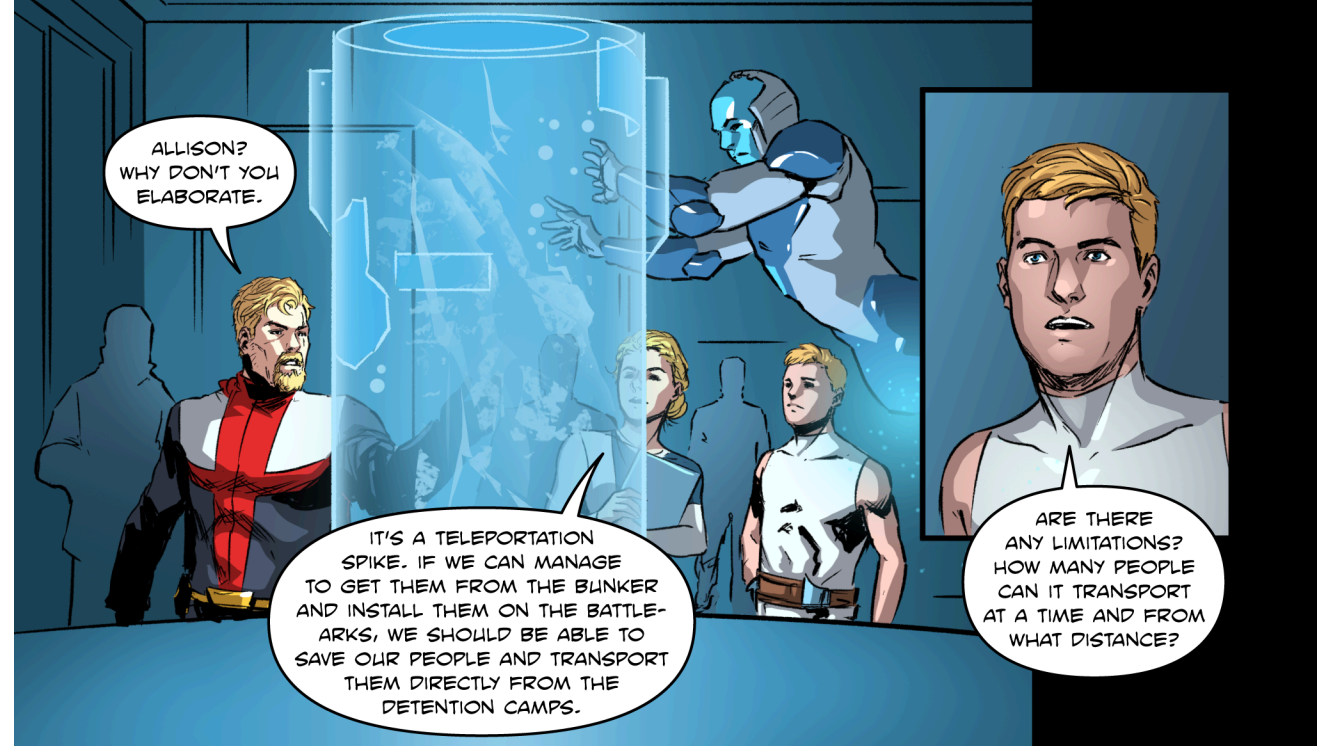
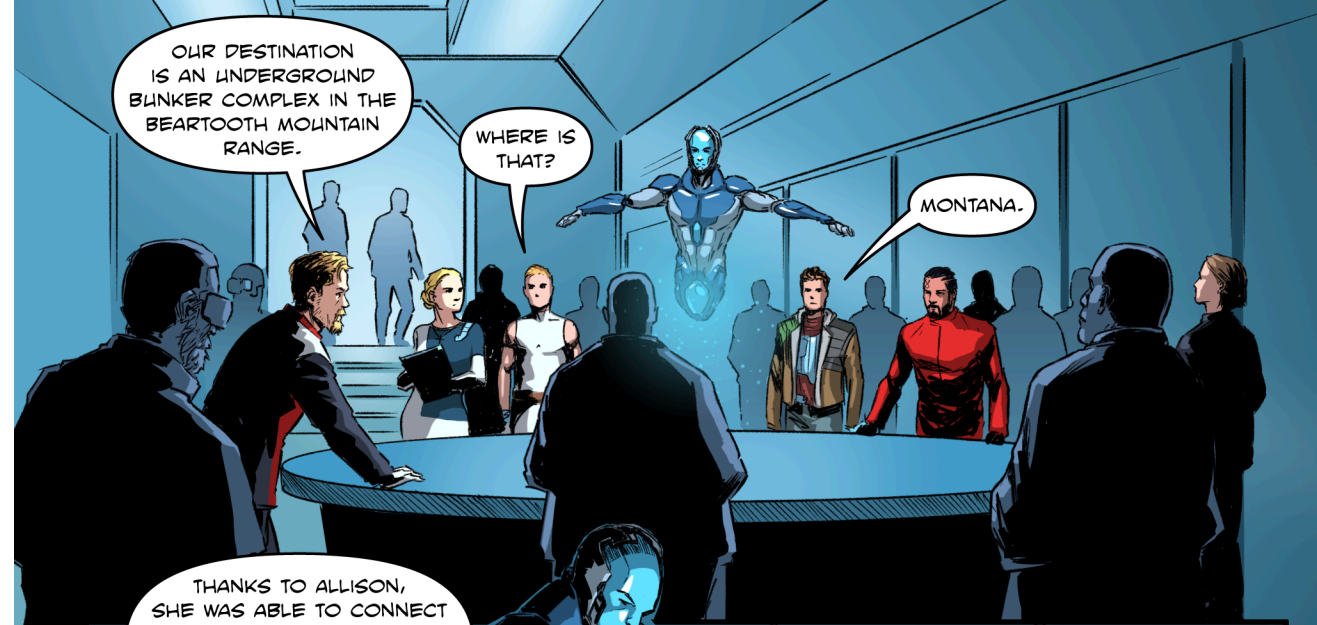
KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN... YOUR FATHER WILL KILL ME IF YOU EVEN GET A SCRATCH...

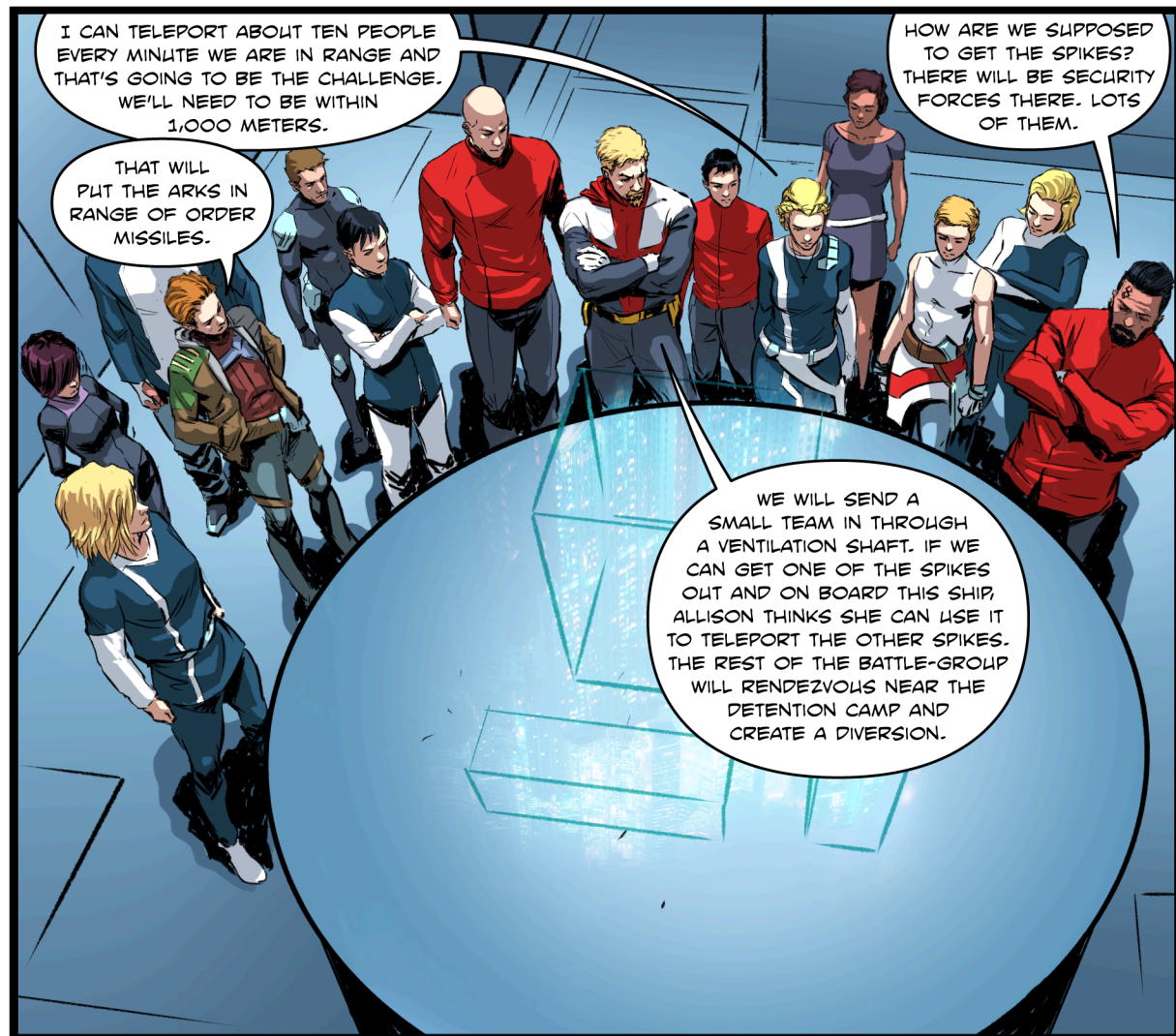
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF. BESIDES, THIS DOESN'T SEEM TOO BAD.

NOT TOO BAD FOR ARMAGEDDON ANYWAY...









I CAN TELEPORT ABOUT TEN PEOPLE EVERY MINUTE WE ARE IN RANGE AND THAT'S GOING TO BE THE CHALLENGE. WE'LL NEED TO BE WITHIN 1,000 METERS.

THAT WILL PUT THE ARKS IN RANGE OF ORDER MISSILES.

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET THE SPIKES? THERE WILL BE SECURITY FORCES THERE. LOTS OF THEM.

WE WILL SEND A SMALL TEAM IN THROUGH A VENTILATION SHAFT. IF WE CAN GET ONE OF THE SPIKES OUT AND ON BOARD THIS SHIP, ALLISON THINKS SHE CAN USE IT TO TELEPORT THE OTHER SPIKES. THE REST OF THE BATTLE-GROUP WILL RENDEZVOUS NEAR THE DETENTION CAMP AND CREATE A DIVERSION.



ABDIEL AND TROY WILL LEAD THE MISSION TO THE BUNKER.



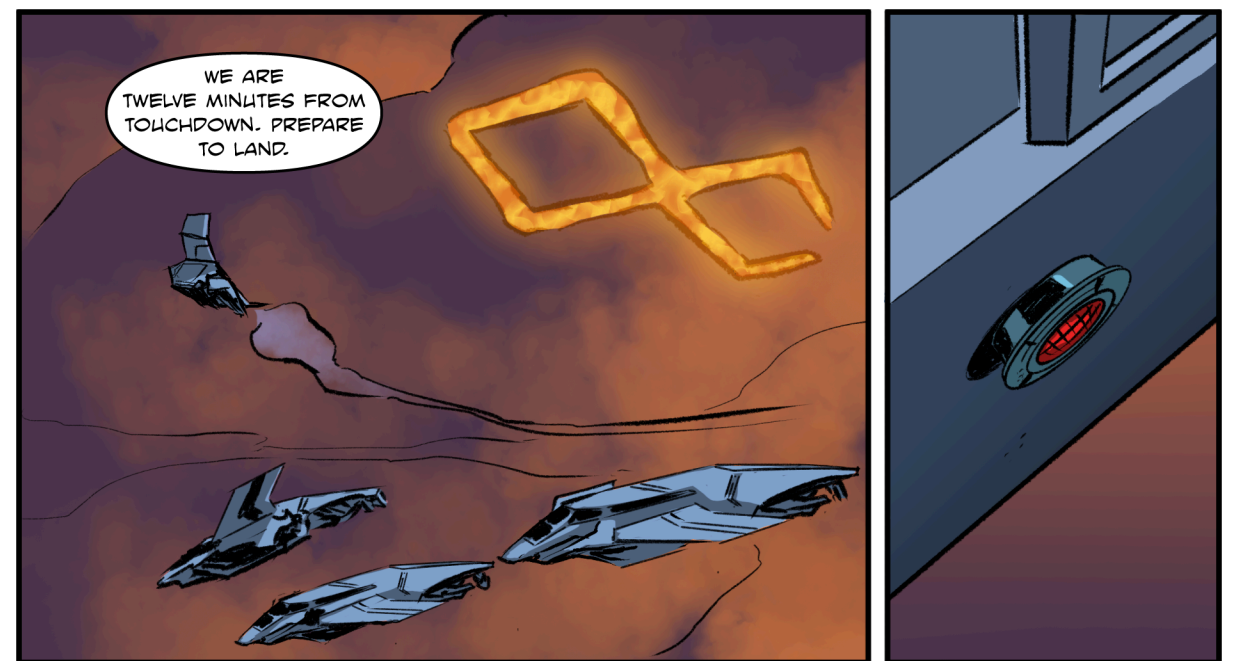
YOU'LL NEED SOME TECHNICAL SUPPORT. I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER.

HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH EXCITEMENT FOR ONE DAY?



FINE... GET WHATEVER GEAR YOU NEED AND MEET BACK ON THE FLIGHT DECK. WE'LL BE IN POSITION WITHIN THE HOUR.

GENTLEMEN, GOOD LUCK.



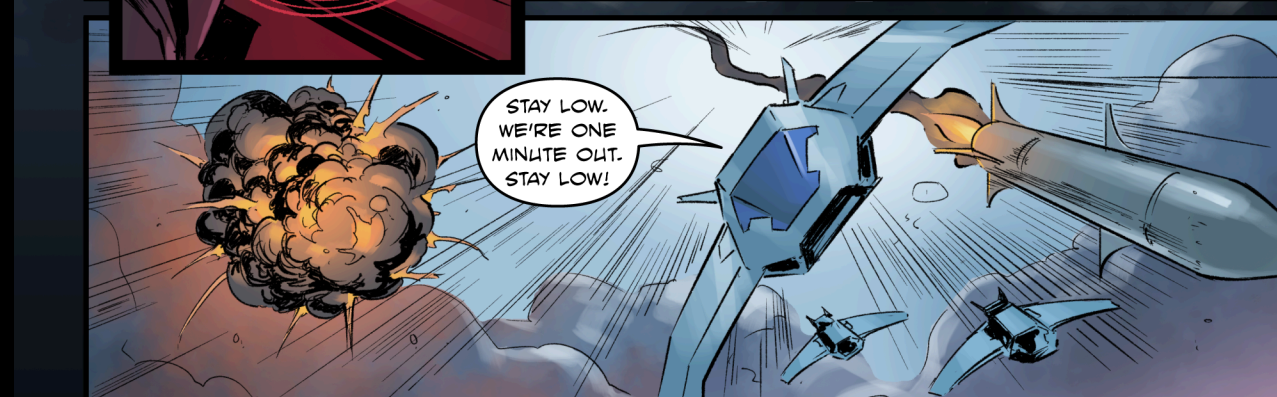
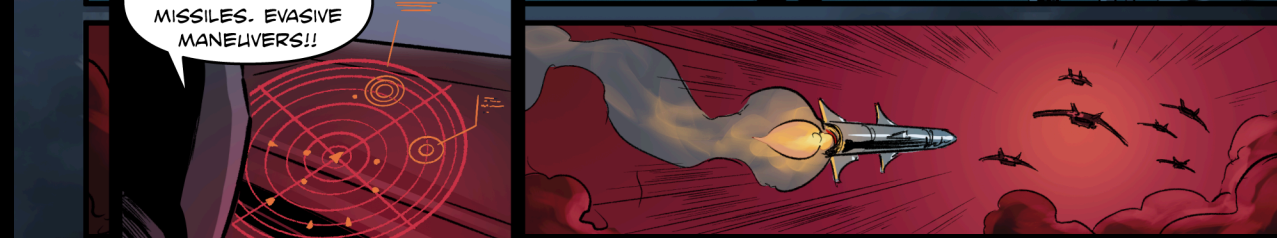
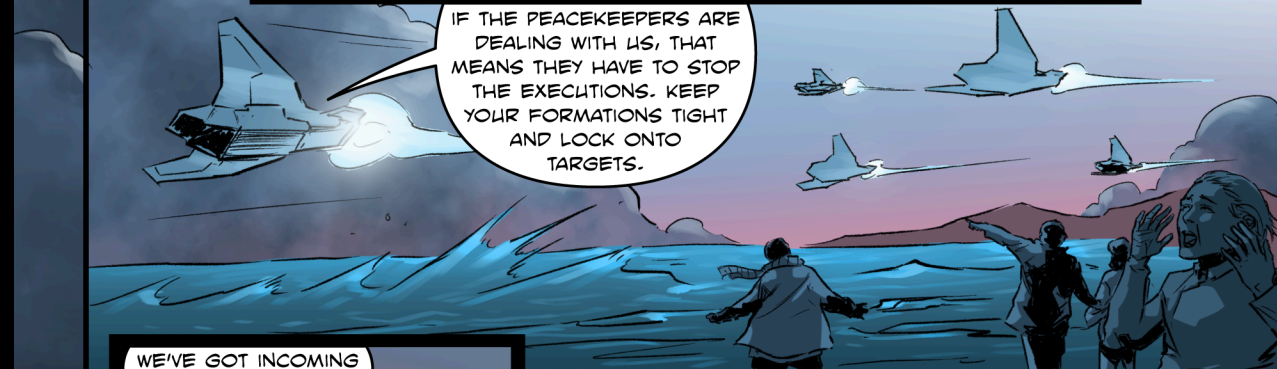
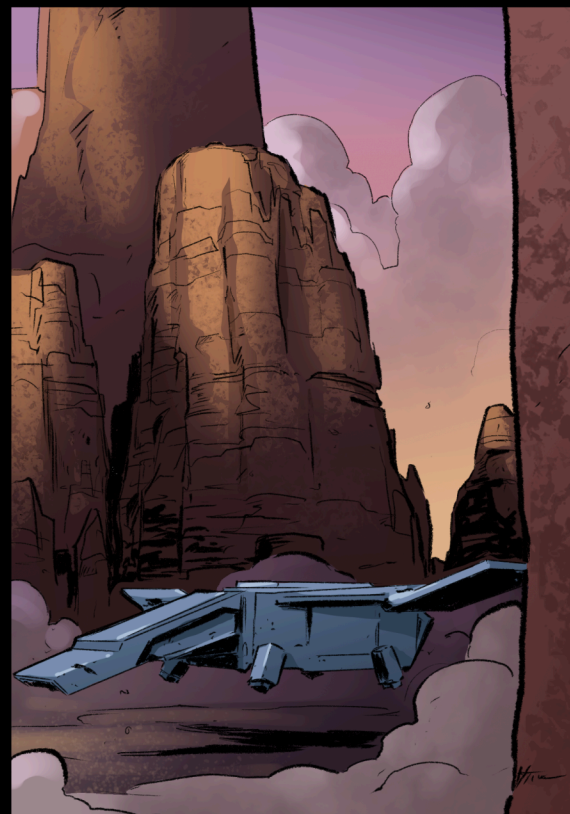
WE ARE TWELVE MINUTES FROM TOUCHDOWN. PREPARE TO LAND.

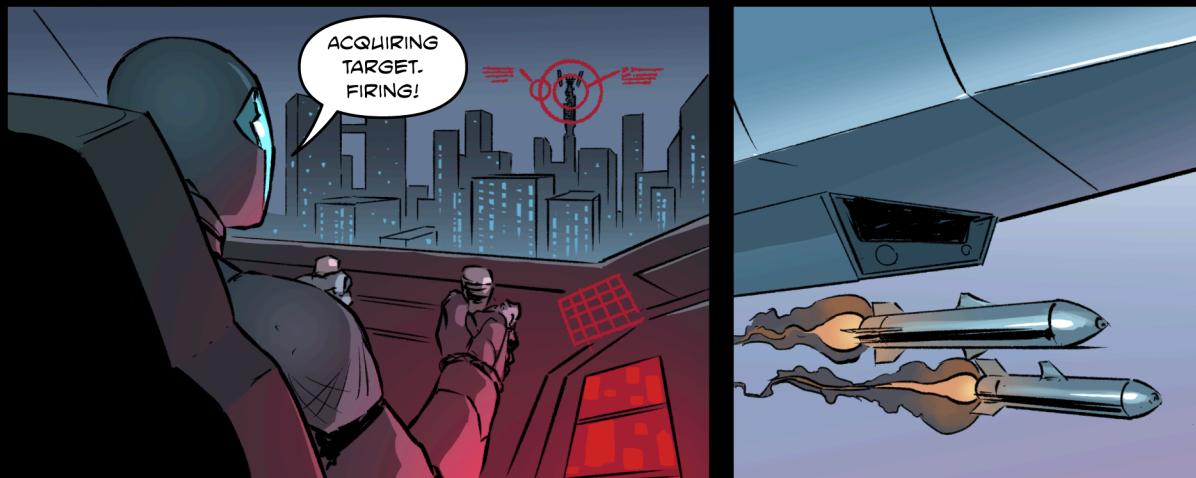


WE'RE GONNA LAND NEAR THE VENTILATION SHAFT. BE READY TO MOVE ONCE THOSE CARGO DOORS OPEN!

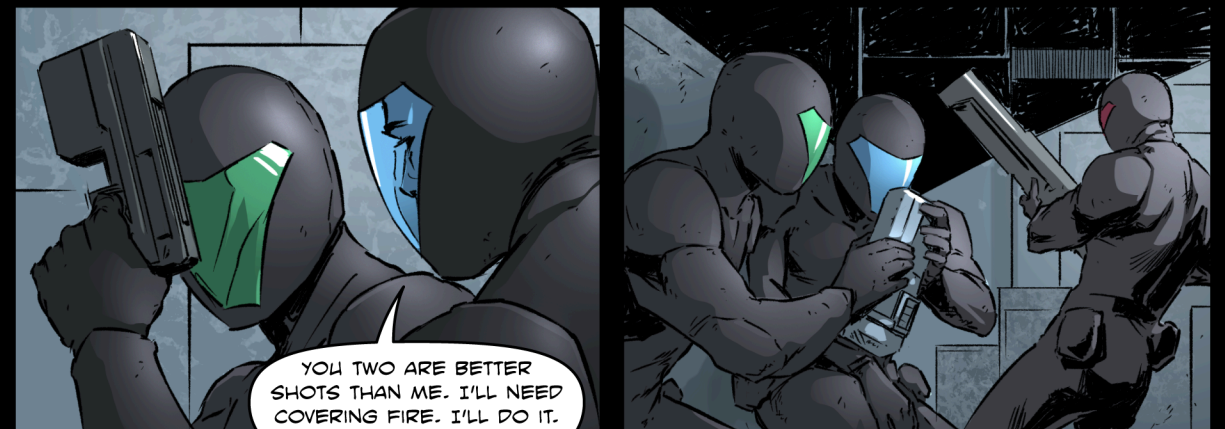
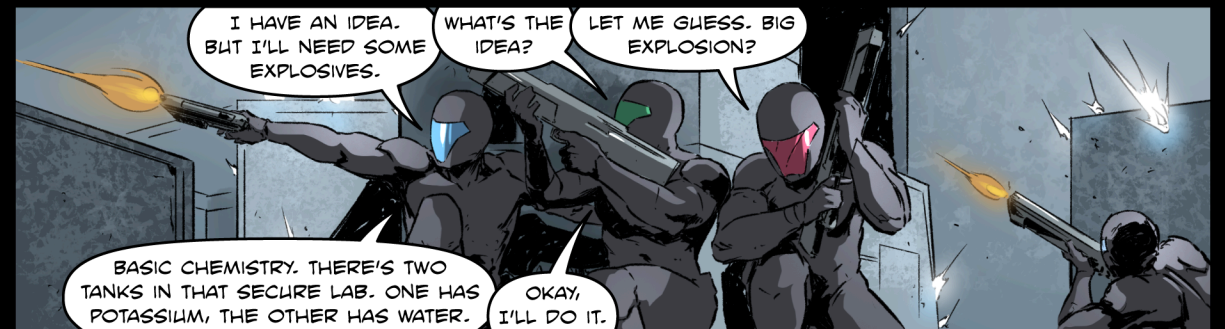
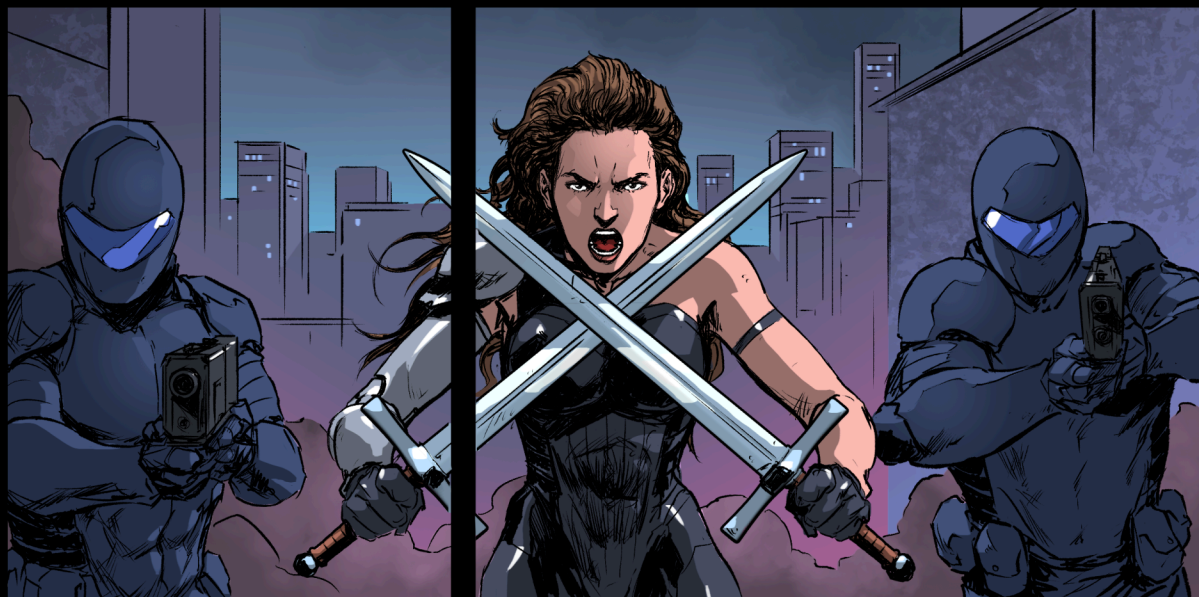


I'VE GOT A VISUAL-





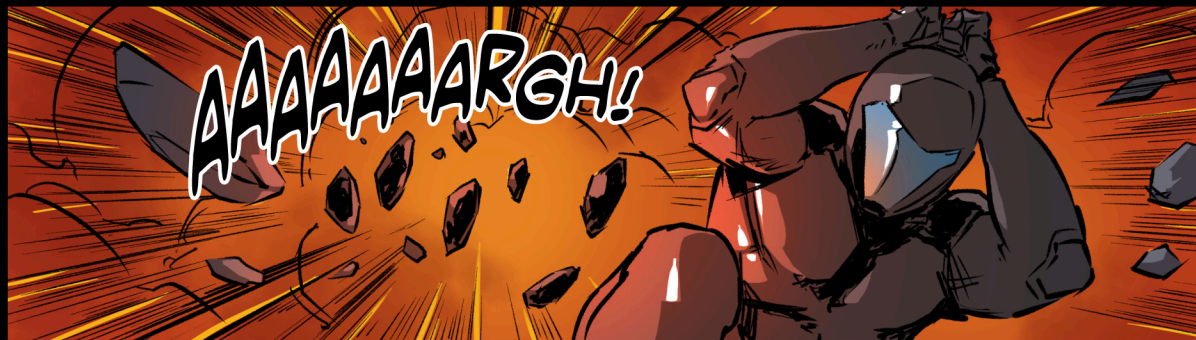






NOW!!

GO!



AAAAAARGH!



AAAAAARGH!

AAAAAARGH!



WHAT WAS VERY BRAVE
WHAT YOU DID, ISAAC.

LET'S NOT
TELL MAX ABOUT
THIS, HUH?
HE'D SKIN ME
ALIVE.

DONT!
WORRY
IT'S OUR
SECRET.



WE MAY
HAVE A CHANCE
AFTER ALL.

FIGHT EVERYONE! FIGHT
FOR YOUR LIVES!

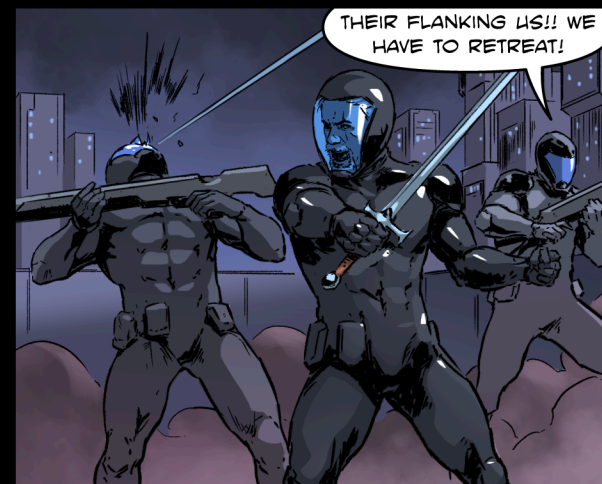


COME
FIND ME,
BROTHER!



SIR, WE HAVE TO GET OUT
OF HERE. WE'VE DONE
ALL WE CAN!

MUST FACE
GLADIUS!!



THEIR FLANKING US!! WE
HAVE TO RETREAT!



